

**MINUTES OF
OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION
July 20, 2020
11:00am**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Holcomb, ordered shelter-in-place orders beginning Tuesday, March 24. All government offices were closed to in-person public activity until further notice. All non-essential City employees are working remotely whenever possible and are continuing to provide core functions online and by phone. All necessary meetings are being conducted observing safe practices, including conference calls and online streaming (<https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofLafayetteIN/live>).

Attendance via online GoToMeeting

Commissioners: Ken McCammon, Andrew Muffett, Cindy Murray

Absent: T.J. Thieme

Ex-Officio Members: John Collier, Assistant Director, Economic Development; Sgt. Scott Anderson, Representative from Traffic Commission

Staff: Jacque Chosnek, Deputy City Attorney; Scott Ahlersmeyer, Lafayette Renew; Billy Emerson, Parking Operations; Dennis Carson, Economic Development; Michelle Conwell, Economic Development

Call To Order

Andrew Muffett, President, noted that a quorum was present and opened the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission at 11:04 a.m. In accordance with Governor Holcomb's requirements for online public meetings during the COVID19 situation, all motions will be passed by roll call vote.

Sgt. Scott Anderson was introduced as the new representative from the Traffic Commission.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Cindy Murray moved to approve May 7, 2020 Special Parking Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Ken McCammon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

New Business

Petition to Maintain One Handicapped Parking Space Near 914 N. 6th Street

Petitioner – Ales L. Maxwell, resident at 914 N. 6th Street

John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Ales Maxwell, for a handicapped parking space on 6th Street across from his residence. No feedback from the public was received via email prior to the meeting. Ken McCammon moved to approve, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition to Install One New Handicapped Parking Space Near 1438 Alabama Street

Petitioner – Karen Ellerman, resident at 1438 Alabama Street

John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Karen Ellerman, for a handicapped parking adjacent to her residence on Alabama Street. No feedback from the public was received via email prior to the meeting. Ken McCammon moved to approve, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Petition to Install One New Handicapped Parking Space Near 929 N. 8th Street

Petitioner – Joshua Levesque, resident at 929 N. 8th Street

John Collier spoke on behalf of the petitioner, Joshua Levesque, for a handicapped parking space on 8th Street adjacent to his residence. The property owner requested clarification via email on the ability to remove the handicapped parking space in the future if the current tenant were to move. It was confirmed that the handicapped space could either be re-assigned if requirements are met or removed. Ken McCammon moved to approve, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Request for Monthly On-Street Parking Restrictions on Both Sides of Brown and North Streets Between 3rd Street and Erie Street

Requestor – Lafayette Renew, City of Lafayette

This request by Scott Ahlersmeyer of Lafayette Renew, is for the monthly restriction of parking on Brown and North Streets to accommodate street cleaning of the permeable pavers on both streets. While these permeable, brick pavers are very effective for managing stormwater runoff and reducing combined sewer overflows into the river, they require monthly and annual maintenance to keep sediment, debris, and plant growth out of the spaces between pavers to maintain their function. The proposal described is to restrict parking on both sides of Brown Street from 3rd Street to Erie Street on the second Tuesday morning of each month and on both sides of North Street between 3rd Street and Erie Street on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The goal is to provide a 3-hour window of time each month when the permeable pavers on both Brown and North Streets from Third to Erie Streets can be cleaned without the obstacle of working around parked cars. Renew will strive to be as flexible as possible with residents, particularly in the first couple of months of street cleaning. Notice will be posted on all city forms of social media and temporary signs will be posted on both streets prior to the first couple of cleanings until any potential issues have been worked out. Once any bugs are worked out, permanent signs will be installed along both streets with day/time of parking restrictions posted. The city received feedback via one email from resident William Crowder of 629 North Street, who opposes closing the street for any reason. The parking restriction and street cleaning could begin as early as August 11, 2020. Ken McCammon moved to approve the proposal, Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Request to Reformat Parking Operations' Service Permit Forms for Consistency

Requestor – Parking Operations, City of Lafayette

Billy Emerson presented on behalf of Parking Operations. He noted that the forms had not changed in content; merely reflecting a more consistent format. Cindy Murray moved to approve, Ken McCammon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Parking Operations Report

Billy Emerson reported that no citations were issued between the months of January to June due to the temporary restriction on parking enforcement due to the COVID-19 situation. Consequently, revenue has decreased \$30,000. Garage capacity is currently at 90%. Cindy Murray moved to approve the Parking Operations Report. Ken McCammon seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Director's Report

John Collier reported that the Commission will be holding a Special Meeting on August 17, 2020 in Council Chambers to present the 4th Street Striping project which will enhance bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure through installation of pedestrian crosswalks and designated bike lanes and facilities and will affect some on-street parking between Romig St. and Teal Rd./US 52.

Mr. Collier also pointed out that Scott Trzaskus, owner and operator of East End Grill in downtown Lafayette, was appointed by Mayor Roswarski as a new member of the Lafayette Parking Commission. He will join us at our next Parking Commission meeting.

Public Comment & Adjournment

President Muffett asked for comments from the public. There were no comments received from the public on the web-ed@lafayette.in.gov email account prior to the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Conwell for the Secretary*

Signed,

Cindy Murray, Secretary, Lafayette Parking Commission